GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REVAMPING FUNCTIONING OF ICCR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the performance of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations pertaining to the last three years in terms of ongoing projects and targets set and achieved has been recently reviewed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the problems being faced by ICCR`s regional offices and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to tide over the same; and

(d) the details of steps proposed to be taken to make the functioning of ICCR more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) ICCR`s activities are constantly reviewed by its Statutory Bodies, Expert Committees, the Ministry of External Affairs and Heads of Missions abroad for more effective functioning. Besides the work of the ICCR is also regularly reviewed by the Standing Committee of Parliament on External Affairs.

(c) ICCR`s Regional Offices are functioning normally with no major problems.

(d) All recommendations to make the functioning of ICCR more Effectively made by its Governing Body and General Assembly, as well as the Standing Committee of Parliament on External Affairs, are being implemented.